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ALL SET FOR RETIREMENT - New Heritage Lodge manager Lana Odgaard presents a gift basket of all the essentials to Loris Kozina, who retired from that position on Friday evening after 32 years on the lodge staff, including 16 years as manager. Story, Page 5.

Vicki Brooker photo

Trudeau back with minority

Local politicians weigh in

RUSHANTHI KESUNATHAN

Review Contributor

One week ago, the Facebook group votewexit.com blew up overnight with over 100,000 followers. Not long before, ahead of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau being re-elected last Monday night, the group had a mere 4,000 members.

The election has come and gone, and Canadian voters proved the country is divided.

"The (prime minister) has got to address the frustration felt in Western Canada and even more in rural Canada, otherwise he's going to have a real mess to handle when it comes to national unity," County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham said, when speaking with the Journal last week.

Canadians across the nation went to the polls on Oct. 21 and ultimately gave Trudeau another chance to govern Canada - except this time, with a minority government.

The Liberals won 157 seats, while Andrew Scheer's Conservatives grabbed 121. A total of 170 seats is needed to form a majority government. Despite the loss, the conservatives won the popular vote with 34 per cent, compared to the Liberals' 33 per cent.

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Budget focuses on those who need it most - Toews

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Albert Premier Jason Kenney's United Conservative government, elected in the spring, tabled its first budget last Thursday.

Following the budget announcement, Albertans can expect the province to cut more than 2,000 public sector jobs, end the freeze on post-secondary tuition, axe municipal funding, and delay infrastructure projects as the government aims to return to a balanced budget by 2023 - with a forecasted surplus of \$584 million, while outlining \$1.3 billion in cuts.

"We are focusing our resources on those who need it the most. We're very happy to be able to provide more funding for children, seniors and families," Finance Minister Travis Toews, said in a press release from Oct. 24.

"This budget is the result of the comprehensive platform our party ran on in this year's election and consultations with Albertans over the last few months," Toews said in his budget speech.

The province projects to end the 2019-20 financial year with an \$8.7 billion deficit, up from \$6.7 billion for 2018-19. While Alberta's debt is forecasted to

reach \$71.8 billion by the end of the year.

"We knew cuts would be coming and we weren't surprised to see the cuts that have occurred, though we had hoped not quite this deep. The next couple of years we will be paying the price for the deficit and debt that has accumulated," Town of St. Paul Mayor Maureen Miller said, following the release of the budget.

The provincial government is banking on the re-elected Liberal party to build a pipeline within the next four years to ensure spending cuts are minimal.

Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul MLA Dave Hanson says most Albertans "voted for fiscal responsibility," adding, "(the budget) fulfills what we had talked about during our campaign platform, and we have met the obligations. We are protecting funding for health and education, which was one of our promises."

County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham says he doesn't think there were too many surprises in the budget.

Education and the end of the tuition freeze

Budget 2019 will maintain its spending of \$8 billion each year for the education of children from Kindergarten to Grade 12. While allocating funding for the school nutrition program with \$15.5 million for schools, and \$3 million for not-for-profits.

Additionally, the budgets will accommodate student growth with \$1.8 billion in new capital funding for new and upgraded schools and 250 new modular classrooms, as well as build and upgrade playgrounds by contributing \$11 million dollars over two years.

Post-secondary education accounts for nearly 11 per cent of Budget 2019, Toews said.

Students in post-secondary can expect the provincial government to remove the five-year freeze on tuition and increase the interest on student loans, beginning next year.

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Student vote count varies widely from adult results

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

In the Monday, Oct. 21 federal election for the Lakeland riding, incumbent Conservative candidate Shannon Stubbs garnered 47,551 or 84.05 per cent of votes, NDP Jeffery Swanson 3,634 or 6.42 per cent, Liberal Mark Watson 2,492 or 4.40 per cent, People's Party Alain Houle 1,440 or 2.54 per cent, Green Party's Kira Brunner 1,069 or 1.88 per cent, Libertarian Robert McFadzean 242 or 0.43 per cent and Veterans Coalition Party candidate Roberta Marie Graham 145 or 0.26 per cent. A total of 57,573 of Lakeland's 78,000 registered voters took part in the election.

Adult voters were not the only ones having a voice at the polls as local high school and elementary school students joined more than a million of their peers nation wide to experience the voting process first hand and practice the habits of informed and active citizenship. In some schools, students also acted as poll clerks, gaining even more experience in the workings of democracy.

The student vote in this area varied widely from that of their adult counterparts, with one school even choosing a different front runner.

Out of 99 voters at Elk Point Elementary School, the vote count was Stubbs, 69 for 69.7 per cent, Brunner 11 for 11.11 per cent, Swanson 10 for 10.10 per cent, Houle five for 5.05 per cent, Watson two for 2.02 per cent, and McFadzean and Graham one vote and 1.01 per cent each.

At F. G. Miller Junior/Senior High School, the student vote count was Stubbs, 65 for 69.80 per cent, Swanson eight for 8.60 per cent, Brunner seven, for 7.53 per cent, Watson and Graham four votes and

4.3 per cent each, Houle three for 3.23 per cent and McFadzean one for 2.15 per cent, with 93 students voting.

Sixteen Heinsburg students, 34.04 per cent of the total, voted for Swanson, 10 and 21.28 per cent for Stubbs, seven and 14.89 per cent for Watson, six and 12.77 per cent for Brunner, five and 10.64 for Houle, two and 4.26 per cent for McFadzean and one, equaling 2.13 per cent for Graham.

Local results and those from other schools in the Lakeland riding varied substantially from the student votes nation wide.

In Lakeland, 60.66 per cent voted Conservative, 12.8 per cent voted NDP, 8.58 per cent voted for the Green Party, 6.54 for the People's Party, 6.15 per cent for the Liberal candidate, 3.45 per cent for Libertarian and 1.82 per cent for the Varennes' Coalition.

In the student vote across Canada, the Liberals took 22.3 per cent of the popular vote and 112 seats, the NDP 24.8 per cent and 98 seats, the Conservatives 25.1 per cent and 93 seats, the Green Party 18.1 per cent and 27 seats and the Bloc Québécois 1.3 per cent and 12 seats, with the leaders of all five parties elected in their home ridings.

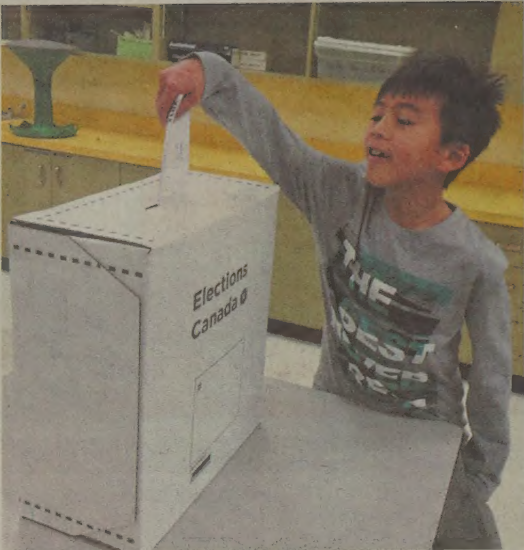
Province by province student votes are as follows: British Columbia – 212,374 students elected 25 NDP, 9 Conservative and eight Green Party candidates.

Alberta – 214,673 participating students elected 30 Conservative, three NDP and one Liberal candidates.

Saskatchewan – 45,249 students elected 11 Conservative and three NDP candidates.

Manitoba – 39,080 students elected five NDP, five Conservative and four Liberal candidates.

Ontario – 455,328 participating students elected 56 Liberal, 35 NDP, 28 Conservative and four Green



YOUNG VOTER - An Elk Point Elementary School student drops his completed ballot in the box.

Photo submitted

Party candidates.

Quebec – 109,285 students elected 35 Liberal, 21 NDP, 12 Bloc Québécois, eight Conservative and three Green Party candidates.

Nova Scotia – 38,480 students elected five Liberal, four Green Party and two NDP candidates.

New Brunswick – 36,862 students elected five Green Party, three Liberal and two Conservative candidates.

Newfoundland and Labrador – 22,391 students elected five Liberal and two NDP candidates.

Prince Edward Island – 8,079 students elected two Green Party and two Liberal candidates.

Northwest Territories – 2,116 students elected one Liberal candidate.

Yukon – 2,212 students elected one NDP candidate.

Nunavut – 1,858 students elected one NDP candidate.

Election

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In 2015, the Liberals won four seats in Alberta. This election, Albertans shut out the Liberals and coloured their real estate blue as the Conservatives took 33 of the province's 34 seats – dotting just one part of Alberta's land with the colour orange. The Edmonton-Strathcona riding was given to NDP candidate Heather McPherson.

"I don't believe the results of the election helped us out because I don't believe the government has the sense of urgency that's required to make sure that the (pipeline) projects keep moving in the speed that's needed to stop capital bleed-offs and layoffs that's going to happen," Upham said, on what the results could mean for Alberta.

Meanwhile, the Bloc Québécois more than tripled its seats, becoming the third-largest party with 32 seats; the NDP took 24 seats; the Greens have three seats; while, one Independent, former justice minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, was also elected.

Maxime Bernier, the leader of the People's Party of Canada, lost his own riding of Beauce in Quebec, Monday night. Bernier held the riding since 2006, during his time with the Conservative Party before splitting and starting his own right-wing party last year. Unlike the Conservative party Bernier's party won no seats in the House of Commons.

A total of 17,890,264 ballots were cast across the nation, according to Elections Canada.

In the Lakeland riding, Conservative Party candidate Shannon Stubbs was re-

elected as a Member of Parliament by a large majority.

"I'm very grateful and very honoured that the people of Lakeland have put their trust and their confidence in me a second time to go back to Ottawa, and to keep fighting for our values and our priorities and issues that are important to our communities," Stubbs said, speaking with the Journal on election night.

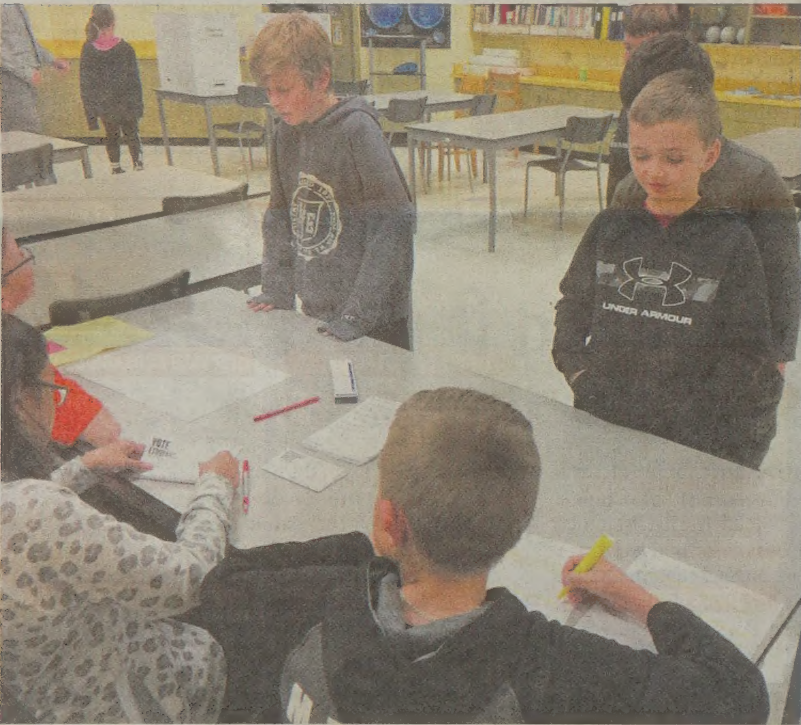
Stubbs won with 7,689 votes from a total of 9,541 ballots cast.

"The west made a very powerful statement and I hope and expect collaboration," Town of St. Paul Mayor Maureen Miller said. "We, know the work that is being done with clean energy projects and will continue to engage with our partners to spread accurate information to get our resources to international markets."

There are 338 seats in the House of Commons. In order to govern as one, a party needs 170 seats. During his first term, Trudeau could pass any legislation without worrying about his opposition rejecting it in the House. With a minority government, he doesn't have enough seats to do that. Now, he needs the support of other parties to pass legislation.

Trudeau's government could also face a non-confidence vote, if the other parties choose to do so. The Liberals will now have to work with other parties, forming allies, in order to remain in power.

"To Canadians in Alberta and Saskatchewan, know that you are an essential part of our great country," Trudeau said in his victory speech. "I've heard your frustration and I want to be there to support you. Let us all work hard to bring our country together."



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Bengals win silver

St. Paul Bengals, a team with several Elk Point players, brought home the silver in Saturday's chilly league final 22-27, going ahead at 1:32 in the fourth quarter with a two point conversion (22-20), but Lloyd battled back against our amazing defence to pull ahead at 0:15. "But we played to the last second," Bengals parent Margaret Bayduza said, adding she was "So proud!"

Margaret Bayduza photo

Budget

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According to the finance minister, spending on post-secondary education has grown at a rate of four per cent per year, which is three times the rate of enrolment growth. The province also plans to change the funding model for post-secondary institutions.

"The Minister of Advanced Education is consulting with post-secondary institutions to set a new course that focuses on performance, accountability and cost management," he said.

"I believe the overall funding to education remains at \$8.2 billion, which is the same as last year, we know it won't be distributed in the same manner," St. Paul School Division superintendent Glen Brodziak said. "But, early indication is that we can be looking at roughly half a million or less in funding."

In a media release sent out on Oct. 26, Portage College, which has campuses across the Lakeland region including St. Paul, confirmed "The college will see an approximate six per cent decrease overall effective immediately, which includes a one-year suspension of infrastructure maintenance funding and a reduction to both the base operating grant and apprenticeship training grants."

Healthcare

Healthcare gets a \$160 million increase in this budget. Over four years, it will receive \$100 million for a mental health and addiction strategy, \$40 million to address the opioid crisis and \$20 million for palliative care.

"We must recognize that health care is the single biggest government expense," Toews said.

In 2018, Alberta spent \$20.4 billion on health care.

Between 2009 and 2019, health care spending increased by 60 per cent, while government revenue only increased by 26 per cent, according to Toews.

Hit on municipalities
Infrastructure funding will take a hit in the coming years, including a six per cent cut to oper-

ational funding municipalities receive from the province.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) is a funding program that helps support local infrastructure. The government will maintain the previous government's funding commitments made to municipalities for the 2019-20 year and bring in reductions starting in 2020-21.

In 2020-21, funding will be reduced by \$94 million, and in 2021-22 it will hit \$142 million.

Alberta is also dropping a deal the former NDP government created to give core funding to Edmonton and Calgary following the end of the MSI program. In its place, the provincial government intends to create legislation for a new Local Government Fiscal Framework, which will apply to all municipalities.

"According to the Rural Municipal Association Budget Analysis, we know now that we will be looking at seven to nine per cent cut this year and a 15 per cent cut next year on our MSI Capital grant," Miller said. "This won't be impacting this year's

capital projects, but starting in 2020 we will lose about \$125,000. As our 2020 budgets are developed, we will be looking at all possible options to eliminate this amount from our spending."

Budget 2019 only covers the period until March 31 of next year, the end of the government's fiscal year.

"The provincial budget is a lengthy document, so all the details will take a few days to go through, but in short we are looking at some short-term pain, which hopefully will result in a healthier economy for all of Alberta," Miller said.

According to the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL), the organization believes the cuts are much deeper and more damaging than Kenney admits.

"Jason Kenney is playing games with numbers," said AFL president Gil McGowan, following the release of the budget the same day.

Adding, the premier's cuts are bad for the economy, because to build a strong economy, modern infrastructure is needed to keep businesses moving.

"And we need top-

quality health care and education to build and maintain a healthy, skilled workforce. A strong public sector is a vital part of our economy's foundation," she said.

In another news release, Unifor says the cuts to provincial services are unwarranted and will only deepen the issues with Alberta's economy. Unifor is Canada's largest private sector union.

According to the release, Unifor calculates that, with rebounding energy prices and a strengthening economy, Alberta's deficit could be eliminated over time through organic growth.

"This budget is not about balancing the books - that could happen in time without Jason Kenney. This budget is an ideological exercise in cutting the services and wages families depend on," Unifor National

President, Jerry Dias said.

Unifor is also critical of the reduction in the corporate tax rate, from 12 per cent to 8 per cent over four years, according to the release. Including, "costing billions in lost revenue, Unifor says that the corporate tax cuts are the wrong decision at a time when services that families rely on are being cut."

"Cutting this much out of post-secondary education means tuition rates will skyrocket, while the number of educational options and quality of those options will decrease," reads a release by Public Interest Alberta's Executive Director Joel French.

Public Interest Alberta goes as far as calling cuts for seniors and persons with disabilities "particularly mean-spirited."

"Trying to balance the budget on the backs of

some of Alberta's most vulnerable is a morally bankrupt approach. Seniors and persons with disabilities didn't create the government's problems, but they're being made to pay for them," French said.

Alberta's official opposition party also weighed in on the budget, last week. An article by Alberta's NDP Caucus calls the UCP government "liars."

"The UCP said they would maintain or increase spending to healthcare and education but they lied," reads the article. "There is now \$100 million dollars less for nurses, fewer doctors in rural communities and there will be \$90 million cut to drug coverage. This will kick at least 46,000 people off of the seniors drug plan," claims the NDP.

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EDITORIAL

Stay safe out there

Enough has been said already about the federal election and the provincial budget, so here's another scary topic: road conditions. Sunday saw a rash of collisions and stalls due to icy roads, and we all know that's just the beginning. Time to get those winter tires on, if you haven't already, and to remember how to drive in winter conditions.

This doesn't pertain only to highways, but also in town, especially come Thursday night when all the trick-or-treaters hit the streets. Please, let's all make sure that every one of them gets home safely.

GUEST OPINION

Budget doesn't help

ROB MCKINLEY
Lac La Biche Post

Do you know who isn't complaining about the province's recently announced budget cuts? The people it doesn't affect ... but wait. Who isn't affected by cuts to economic development or post secondary education, municipal infrastructure, tourism, education or women's issues?

Some big-business executives are probably pretty happy that their taxes haven't been adversely altered by the industry-friendly UCP government. But workers a little further downstream from the corporate head office aren't quite in the same boat — workers — let's say, in the Lac La Biche, Cold Lake, Fort McMurray, Bonnyville, Elk Point areas, for example. If the Oil and Gas industry has been the described as the motor driving the province's economy, the northeastern part of the province was the needed fuel injectors of that motor. Workers, resources, spin-off industries, infrastructure — it all went to running that motor.

But not anymore. Despite the best efforts of the government to push favour to the industry, there are still tens of thousands of oil and gas workers out of a job, and thousands who have taken on new jobs or started new careers. And that's just in the direct spin-off to the industry. What about the restaurants, food stores, clothing stores, electronics, sporting goods, and furniture stores who have had to deal with reduced income from not only the departure of the oil and gas, but the easy lure of the internet for online purchasing and delivery? Then there's the real estate markets and tourism based ventures, schools and colleges that are affected by reduced populations and reduced spending. And yet the government continues to try to wake the sleeping giant by propping up its resting head with tax incentives, loopholes and doting attention that many are saying could probably be spent on more emergent needs.

If the oil giant wakes up, great. But that's not happening right now. Right now there are thousands who can't sleep because they are living a nightmare.

At the same time the government is trying to rouse its oily giant, they are failing Albertans trying to move on from the distant boom of the oil industry. Re-training, downsizing, diversifying ... all methods preached by economists to help Albertans rebound from the economic slump that is largely due to the toppling of the oil and gas empire. And yet the provincial government chooses to cut funding to potential lifelines? To take away a community's chance to right itself, or at least maintain what it has? Is the draw of the once-powerful oil and gas dollar so alluring that we'll sacrifice so much to try to get it back?

Let it go. Waking up that giant would be wonderful — but life has moved on for many Albertans. It had to. And those people are the ones who now need the support of their elected representatives.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Best days ahead, Great Albertan, headquarters nod, Play2Learn

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 29 IN...

1984

"Alberta's best days are still ahead of us," Alberta Energy Minister John Zaozirny told community leaders and oil company executives at a meeting in Elk Point where Manpower Minister Ernie Isley credited the area with "leading the province out of the economic downturn." Local young ladies were in the spotlight at the Lakeland-Rodeo Association finals in Camrose, where Wendy Lorenson won the Junior Barrel Racing championship and St. Paul rodeo queen Michelle Gottensbos won the LRA Queen title.

1989

Elk Point's new town council, made up of Mayor Bruce Kleeberger and Couns. Morris Cooper, Allan Frankiw, Adele Mandryk, Lawrence Pidluzny and Alvina Schuhmacher, was sworn in, with Coun. Frankiw chosen as deputy mayor for the first six months of the term. The investigation into the disappearance of Geoff Dorey, 67, continued, three weeks after Dorey was last seen in the area, hours before his farm home along Highway 640 burned to the ground.

1994

Sid Holthe was honoured with a Great Albertan award, sponsored by Alberta Treasury Branch, AGT and CFRN Television, for his contributions to a long list of volunteer organizations, from the Chamber of Commerce and Pioneer Circle to the Historical Society and Alberta Senior Citizens Sport and Recreation Society. The former Community Services Centre was reduced to rubble by a demolition team after it was determined that structural repairs to the onetime school, built in the 1940s, were not feasible.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

1999

Elk Point got the Northern Lights Library System headquarters nod after the NLLS board of directors heard presentations by all four of the shortlisted communities and agreed that the former Pan Canadian Petroleum building, available for a token dollar, filled their need more than offers of land or makeshift accommodations. Ranger Oil announced plans to drill 40 new well and re-activate 120 wells drilled prior to the drop in oil prices before the end of the year.

2004

Mayor Parrish Tung was returned by acclamation, but there was a close race for town council, with Dwayne Yaremkevich, Alvina Schuhmacher, Dennis Jasinsky and Thomas Kondla elected, with Bernice Capjack and Lyle Frisby only a few votes behind them. The chamber of commerce started their meeting with a tribute to valued longtime member Sid Holthe, who passed away Oct. 10, president Rod Randall remembering him as "a tireless, hardworking and sometimes outspoken member of the chamber."

2009

County of St. Paul residents voted 'yes' for an elected reeve by a slim, 69-vote margin, with only 37 per cent of county residents taking part in the vote. Wednesday of Small Business Week was the official opening day for Elk Point's newest business, Play2Learn Daycare, Elk Point's first stand-alone daycare facility.

2014

The Canadian Royal Purple Society's Supreme Honoured Royal Lady Regina MacLean addressed members of five area Royal Purple lodges regarding the transition from the century-old Order of the Royal Purple to a separate organization, after the Grand executive of the BPO Elks declared that they would no longer have an auxiliary, but the ladies could become Elks. Fire destroyed one of Elk Point's largest homes, a former bed and breakfast on 50 Ave. across from Mural Park as neighbours watched the demolition and firemen stayed on scene the following morning to spray down hot spots as the crumbling structure was reduced to rubble.

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THE GANG'S ALL HERE- Including Lyn Young, front and centre, who celebrated her birthday with a group of friends at the supper.



KEEPING TRADITION ALIVE - Melanie Poullin, Tammy Klatt and daughters Shyanne and Shaylyn and (top photo) Denise Bjorkman were among the many willing workers at Friday's supper.



Heritage Lodge manager retires after 32 years

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

After 32 years at Heritage Lodge, 16 of those as manager, Loris Kozina is all set for retirement, after residents, staff and representatives of the MD of St. Paul Foundation gave her a warm send-off on a blustery Friday evening.

"Loris, I don't know you as well as some of the others," Lana Odgaard, who is taking over as manager, said after a few weeks of training, "but I truly admire all the work you've done, your leadership, your knowledge and your expertise," as she presented Kozina with a basket of retirement essentials, including a humorous warning sign advising that the retiree "knows everything and has plenty of time to tell you about it" and business cards stating her new position as "Retired. Ask someone else. Not my problem. No obligations."

MD Foundation CAP Brigette Sakaluk wished Kozina all the best including "a long and peaceful rest... and time to do all the special things you want to do." She and board member Laurent Amyotte, who added "Thanks for all you've done to make this a place you want to call home," presented a bouquet of flowers.

Heritage Lodge resident Ann Chaikowsky presented the retiree with a card on behalf of all the residents.

"It's hard to leave this important part of my life," Kozina said, telling the crowd that when she started at the lodge, she worked in the kitchen and worked nights, before becoming manager 16 years ago.

"I'm looking forward to spending time with the grandkids," she said, before welcoming Odgaard "to follow in my footsteps."

MD OF ST PAUL FOUNDATION CAO Brigette Sakaluk and board member Lauren Amyotte wish retiree Loris Kozina all the best.

THE THREE RS - Rollie Poitras, Russ Kowtun and talented fiddler Réal Michaud provided some great entertainment to wrap up the evening.



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BASSETT**

Review Sports

The **Atom Avalanche** travelled to Lac La Biche Saturday morning, losing the game by a respectable 7 to 4 score. The shots were fairly even in the end, Brendan 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski behind the mask doing a good job keeping it close. Remington 'Steel' Reynolds scored an unassisted goal just seconds before the buzzer in the first period, Braylee 'Wee Willy' Lesyk with the other two goals, both of them unassisted, one in the second period and one in the third period. They had a nice tail wind to bring them home later that day, some of them heading straight to Bonnyville to watch their brothers or sisters play with the Peewees at 4:30 p.m., the **Pee wee Avalanche** losing a close one 2 to 1.

Others headed to St. Paul to watch their big brothers play with the Bantams later that afternoon at 5 p.m. Not a great weekend for the **Bantam Avalanche**, though. Not only did they take it on the chin and lose both games: Saturday in St. Paul and Sunday in Elk Point against the Vermilion Tigers by big one-sided scores, but, they also lost their top goal scorer, 'Mic Jager' Fontaine who it appeared fractured his arm in the game on Sunday. It could have been worse. The word is 'Mic' will only be out for a few weeks with a cast during the pre-season tiering games and will be back in time for the regular season with something called a buckle fracture. Still hurts, I'm sure, in more ways than one.

Some of these games in the pre-season are very one sided. Fun when you're on the winning side, not so

much when you're losing. And try and tell the kids not to score goals is almost impossible, especially since some of them rarely do score. They want a goal, no matter what!

On Sunday morning Cold Lake came calling to play our Atom Avalanche team and this one was a one sided event, our guys winning easily by double digits and then some. Braylee 'Wee Willy' Lesyk with his grandparents in the crowd sure not wanted to disappoint them with six goals and two assists. I'm sure he could have scored some more and that fact is he did pass the puck many times. Four goals each for Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman and 'Wild Wyatt' Fontaine, a hat trick for 'Without a Trace' Morgan, Brenden 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski with one goal and two assists, 'Boe Dog' St. George with two assists. Jaxon 'Smitty' Smith, 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas and 'J.R.' Jackson Rowlake with one assist each. Between the pipes for his first time ever and doing a stand up job, was Denys 'the Menace' Kuba.

After the Atom game, the Pee wee Avalanche hit the ice. This game was very competitive and exciting to watch, the Avalanche coming out gang busters and scoring five times in the first period, the Vermilion Tigers replying with only one, goalie 'Goodyear' Charlie' Lesyk robbing them more than once of a few. Coaches are always telling their players to go to the net with your stick on the ice. Ella 'Stellar' Ballas obviously was listening. She scored two goals in the first period, being in the right place at the right time and was ready both times with her stick down and trigger cocked. Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand was the set up man, setting her up both times. 'Mad Dog' also set up his big brother, Kaleb 'Formula One' with a goal in the first period. Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMossiac scoring one assisted by 'Formula One' and Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski, who was moved from defense to center for this game, finding the back of the net with one too. He

was set up by 'Top Gunner' Crawford. 'Top Gunner' played back on the D for the second and third periods. Rugged D-man 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce helped the cause with two assists in the first period. Not much scoring in the second period, 'Formula One' getting on the board with his second goal of the game, Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka and 'Top Gunner' assisting. The third period was all the Tigers, scoring three goals and making a game of it, the score now 6 to 4. Time out called by the Tigers, they pull the goalie in the last minute, the pressure is on 'Goodyear' Charlie. He shuts the door. Rushing defenseman Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson scores an empty netter with only four seconds on the clock to put the final nail in the coffin.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. 'Being behind the bench is the best job in hockey' - Punch Imlach

SaskAlta season gets underway

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The SaskAlta Hockey League started off their 2019-2020 season this past weekend, with games in Lashburn and Kitscoty, where the visiting Wainwright Rustlers downed the Kitscoty Monarchs 6 to 4, and the Meadow Lake Broncos trounced Lashburn Flyers 8 to 3.

The league has 12 teams on the schedule this year, with Vermilion and Neilburg taking a break from the action, and the Elk Point Elks will have eight home games and eight road games in the coming three months. The first game for the Elks comes up this Saturday, when they will travel to Lashburn to take on the Flyers.

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For those still enjoying life in the sagging industry, and still enjoying the bouquets offered by the government, the outside world that is being tackled by those less fortunate seems to be something of a mystical place. They've been shielded by the good times, the salaries and the government's undying love. And let's hope they keep their jobs and continue to steer what's left of the industry towards better times.

Because if they don't, complaining may not help.

In Premier Kenney's speech the night before releasing the budget, he said the cuts would be difficult and challenging, and no matter how many protests or demonstrations, the cuts would go ahead. We're guessing that would even include the protests that not so long ago, he and his government were endorsing— the convoys, rallies and protests for increased oil and gas attention.

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The Elks will be on the road again the following week-
end, for their second game in Paradise Valley against the
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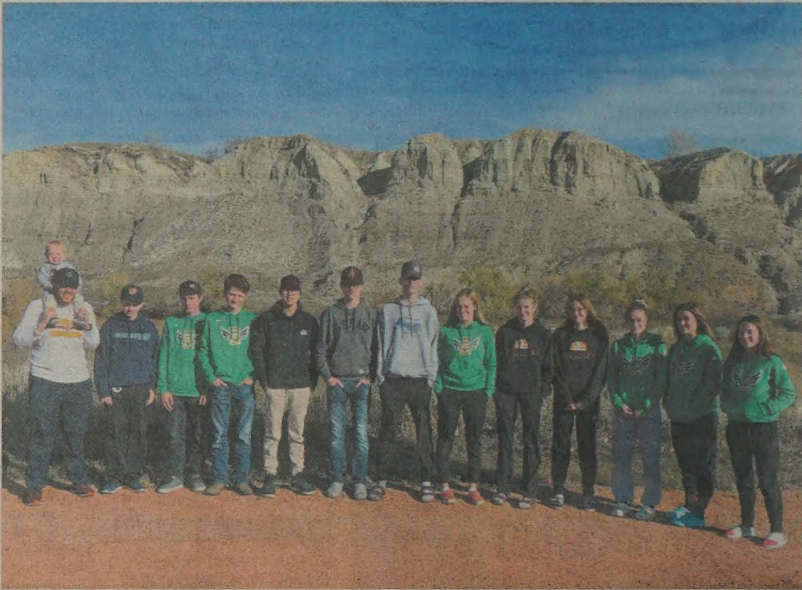
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